

California Permanent Identification Numbers Advance Notice

Businesses that generate, transport, or handle hazardous waste in California are generally required to have either a U.S. EPA or California identification (ID) number. Historically, businesses needing a temporary or permanent California ID number have been able to obtain those ID numbers by telephone. However, the State budget crisis and resulting reduction in staff has negatively impacted the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Generator Information Services Section's (GISS) ability to meet the volume of ID number requests over the telephone. This has resulted in long hold times and a high number of system busy conditions during peak times.

In an effort to provide better customer service to businesses in California, GISS is redirecting resources to the more time sensitive temporary California ID numbers. To this end, GISS will stop issuing permanent California ID numbers (those that begin with CAL) by telephone effective July 15, 2003. From that date forward, permanent California ID numbers must be requested on form DTSC 1358 and submitted by mail, email, or fax. This form is available for downloading from the DTSC web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov under Frequently Requested Information and will also be made available from a number of other sources.

Temporary California ID numbers (90-day ID number) (those beginning with CAC) will continue to be issued by telephone at (800) 618-6942 or (916) 255-1136.

Please do not submit cover letters or other documents with DTSC 1358. Submit your completed form:

By mail to:
DTSC GISS
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806

By email to:
idnumber@dtsc.ca.gov
Please use "ID Number Request" as the subject.

By fax to:
916-255-4703